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1. the serial number AND a copy of Applicant's or Assignees' pending claims which are reasonably related to the presently claimed subject matter; AND
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